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(54) Title: SMALL SPECTRAL SIGNAL DETECTION SYSTEM

(57) Abstract: A standoff chemical agent detection system passively detects chemical agents in a scene. Interferograms are generated from received scene spectral information. In one embodiment, the spectral information is apodized, and a chirp Fast Fourier Transform is performed on the interferogram. A calibration curve is applied to correct gain and offset, and a feature vector is generated based on comparison of the normalized spectrum to predetermined chemical shape templates. The feature vector is provided to a classifier to identify the existence and identity of a chemical agent threat. The chemical agent detection system utilizes a lower resolution search mode, and a higher resolution confirmation mode, wherein both modes utilize the same detection algorithms. The neural network is trained using a large database of training data. The network is iteratively trained using partially random subsets of the training data. Problematic data from previous subsets is included in further subsets to improve the training.

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